

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 6-8, 9, and 14-16 have been amended, and Claims 3 and 11 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer; therefore, Claims 1,2, 4-10, and 12-16 are pending. Applicants, furthermore, note with appreciation the Examiner's indication, in paragraph 11 of the Office action, of allowable subject matter, namely, of Claims 3, 6-8, 11, and 14-16, provided they are re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have carefully considered the application in view of the Examiner's Action, and the allowable subject matter and, in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

The disclosure has been objected to due to a typographical error on page 10, line 26. In response, Applicant has amended the specification to correct same, and respectfully requests that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,115,504 to Belove et al. (hereinafter "Belove"). In response, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 9 such that they now clearly distinguish and are patentable over the cited references.

Specifically, independent Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to include the limitations of Claims 3 and 11, respectively, without adding any new matter to the application as originally filed. Claims 1 and 9, as thus amended, are substantively identical to, and contain all the limitations that would have been present in, Claims 3 and 11 had Claims 3 and 11 been amended to comply with the Examiner's requirement for allowability, namely, that Claims 3 and 11, would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims (i.e., Claims 1 and 9, respectively) and any intervening claims (none). It is therefore respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1 and 9 comply with the Examiner's requirement for allowability, and thereby clearly and precisely distinguish over Belove in a patentable sense, and are thus allowable over Belove and the remaining references of record. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Belove be withdrawn.

It is noted that Claims 1, 6-8, 9, and 14-16 have been amended to conform with the aforementioned amendments made to Claims 1 and 9 without adding any new matter to the application as originally filed. Specifically, Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite "at least two RDS entries" to thereby conform with the amendment to Claims 1 and 9 that a field be "configured for storing the unique record identifier of each other RDS entry with which each respective RDS entry is associated." Claims 6-8 and 14-16 have been amended to delete each RDS entry having a unique record identifier, since same is now recited in independent Claims 1 and 9 as amended.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, and 13 depend from and further limit independent Claims 1 and 9, in a patentable sense, and, for this reason and the reasons set forth above, are also deemed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of dependent Claims 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, and 13 be withdrawn, as well.

Applicant has reviewed the prior art made of record and not relied on, and has concluded that this art does not prejudice the patentability of the invention as defined by the present claims. For this reason and the reason that they have not been applied against Applicant's claims, no further discussion of them is deemed necessary.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time for a two (2) month extension of time.

Applicant does not believe any fees other than for the aforementioned Petition for Extension of Time are due; however, in the event that any other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-2032 of Scheef & Stone, L.L.P.

Since independent Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 3 and 11, respectfully, now cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, no further search should be required, and the application should be in condition for allowance. Therefore, with appreciative acknowledgement of Examiner Wassum's indication of allowability of Claims 3, 6-8, 11, and 14-16, Applicant respectfully requests, for the reasons set forth herein and for other reasons clearly apparent, full allowance of all of Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-16, so that the application may be passed to issue.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or desire clarification of any sort, or deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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